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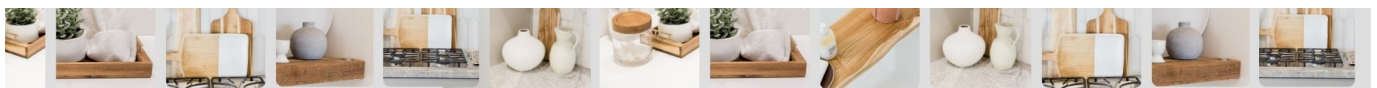


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Wonder, gratitude and care

As I write this, summer seems to be here at last after a long, cold spring. Despite the dreariness of our weather until a few weeks ago, what I heard on the radio this morning gave me cause to marvel again at how plants respond to their environment. This year it seems is a particularly good year for roses, with the plants suddenly coming into bloom as a result of the change in temperature. Plants respond particularly well to temperature, I'm told, and the roses were held back by the cold weather until it became warm enough and they felt like showing us their blooms. I'm only regretting that my vegetable plants haven't heard the same message (or is it just me?).



I was also fascinated by a newspaper article describing in fairly straight-forward language the work of a global research project called the Human Cell Atlas (HCA). "There are about 372 trillion cells in an average human adult, and these come in many different types." Earlier techniques had revealed several hundred types, but the new research has enabled the researchers to identify thousands of different cell types. The article particularly focused on the variety of cells in the placenta and the different roles they play in the development of the foetus. They are also revealing more about the functioning of the immune system and the major organs.

Sadly, another current news story is about wildfires in Canada on an unusually wide scale, with this year forecast to be the most severe wildfire season on record. Yesterday there were reported to be 400 wildfires burning across Canada on the same day. This upsurge may not it seems be a direct result of climate change, but global warming leading to parched vegetation and hot air itself making it easier for fires to spark will both lead to loss of trees and wildlife as well as poor air quality and threats to timber supply.

I have three reactions to these contrasting stories from our natural created world. Firstly, I wonder at the responsiveness and adaptability of our plant life. Secondly, I'm hugely grateful for the good news of our increasing understanding of the complexity and functioning of our bodies. Lastly, I'm saddened by what we have done and are doing that degrades the life of our beautiful blue planet. The natural world isn't something that exists solely for our benefit; we have a responsibility to understand and to care deeply for what God has placed us amongst.

Martin Canning, Reader St Andrew's Church



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The Annual Meeting in May was mainly concerned with electing officers and setting up Working Groups. It was

unanimously agreed that Cllr Ould should continue as Chair, supported by two vice Chairs, Cllrs Barclay and Lloyd.

Cllr Ould reported that the recent audit had again shown the Clerk's work to be first class. Councillors recorded their thanks to her.

The audit papers can be viewed by appointment until **14th July**.

Planning: Councillors considered seven planning applications. Councillors felt that they were not qualified to comment on two applications regarding Sores Court due to the previous planning application history. However, they did comment on another application to build a garage at The Batch in Downside, asking the Planners at NSC to ensure that it could not be converted into a dwelling at a later stage. The remaining applications were not controversial and Councillors raised no objections. Rodney Road - NSC have yet to reply to an enquiry regarding access and Rodney Road.

Gleeson proposals – Cllr Barclay is in contact with Nailsea Town Council and hopes that a meeting between both Councils can be arranged shortly.

Highways: Councillors heard from Cllr Taylor that the Clerk was waiting for a quotation to paint road markings outside West Leigh Infants' School. He was pleased to be able to tell Councillors that the white line work at Coppice Place had been completed.

Airport: Cllr Martin informed the meeting that a meeting is being planned between Bristol City Council, NSC and BPC to discuss concerns regarding traffic and parking in and around Downside Road. Cllr Ould said that a meeting in the Felton Village Hall for local residents is being considered.

Other matters: Councillors still wished to explore the idea of a digital notice board to keep residents informed about local news and events etc. It is not proving to be an easy project as there are issues about location and planning permission. However, the idea will remain on the agenda.

At each of the meetings Councillors voted to grant Nailsea and District Community Transport £1500, bringing the total grant to £3000. More than thirty residents use this valuable resource. Cllr Power suggested that the idea of a 'service level agreement' with NDCT should be explored. She will report back to the Council with more details.

Councillors were sorry to hear of the resignation of Cllr Sleigh, and wished him well for the future.

There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested, speak with any Councillor, or contact the Clerk at the Parish Office in Rodney Road, tel. 01275 464653,

email_clerk@backwell-pc.gov.uk

The next full Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 6th July** at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall.

All will be made very welcome.



Front Cover Story

St Andrew's Art Group prepares for its annual exhibition



St Andrew's Art Group Open Exhibition - Backwell Parish Hall

**Friday 28th July 7.30pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 29th July
10.00am - 6.00pm, Sunday 30th July 10.00am - 4.00pm**

Our charity this year is Great Western Air Ambulance Charity which provides critical care and air ambulance service across Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset, Gloucestershire and South Gloucester. Please note this event in your diary to come and support the Exhibition which will have affordable original art, cards, a raffle and home-made cakes and refreshments.

There is still time to enter your work.

Entry forms may be obtained from Lindsey Busby - telephone number 01275 852348 (after 2.00pm please) or text 07339 4029 469 - email: rtscribbler88@gmail.com.

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Backwell School News

Podium Finish for Backwell School Students Regional final of the F1 in Schools Competition.

A few weeks' ago, Backwell School's Team 'G Force' took part in this competition. The Team, formed of six Year 12 students (aged 17) worked very hard during the Spring Term, to create a car which was as aerodynamic as possible, to compete in the track race.

This prestigious competition took place at the Bristol and Bath Science Park and saw G Force taking away three awards - Best Portfolio, Second Place

(in class) and Lightning Reaction Time.

In addition to racing their car on a 20m track at speeds of up to 40mph, our students had to present their Engineering Portfolio, Team Structure, and Identity and Strategy, to a panel of Engineers and F1 in Schools elite.

The teamwork leading up to the event, and on the day itself, was incredible, incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Business.

To come away with three awards was amazing. Well done G Force!

Huge thanks to Miss Lavelle and Mr Trevitt in DT and Mr Lake for all their support.



Year 9 spent the week away from school on a residential trip in beautiful Cornwall, undertaking water sports and outward bound activities, whilst staying on a university campus – a great opportunity to have some fun, make some memories as well as finding out what being a university student may feel like.

Our Year 10 students spent the week undertaking Work Experience at local firms and employers to learn more about the world of work. Employers are still very keen on work experience - or rather, they are keen on what it gives our students: confidence, understanding of the working world and practical skills. We would like to thank all the companies who offered to take one, or more, of our students, and of course our parents, who we are sure have put in a lot of hard work into securing placements for their children too.

Year 12 spent the week working on future skills, from CV writing and learning about budgeting to visiting universities and finding out about apprenticeships.

The week was spent learning valuable skills that they will need as they head out into the world at the age of 18.

Transition to Backwell School

We spent the past few weeks preparing to welcome our new Year 7 students to the school in September. We visited them in their primary schools and had long conversations with their primary teachers. Mr Nunes, Headteacher, and the Year 7 pastoral team have also spent a significant amount of time putting together the tutor group lists.

We will be holding our Induction Day on Tuesday

4th July – this is an opportunity for the new students to join us here at Backwell School, to spend the day with us, to meet their tutors and try the canteen.

We are also running Explore 2023 for three days in the summer holidays. Explore 2023 will be run by our partner SHINE who, alongside some Backwell School staff, will introduce the students to Backwell School. Children will be encouraged to try new activities, make new friends and most importantly have an

action-packed and fun time that will increase their confidence.

The Sixth Form Team has also hosted its Induction Day for those joining Year 12 next year. Again, sample lessons were on offer, as well as some summer project work so students will be prepared to being in the new school year.

We look forward to seeing them all in September.



Enrichment Week

Enrichment Week took place at the end of June and was a week full of fun and fulfilling activities for all involved.

Year 7 students spent two nights under canvas in the New Forest and undertook a number of exciting outdoors activities including Tree climbing, Canoeing, Zip wire, Paddle boarding and Bushcraft. When not away camping, they spent their time with their tutors doing team-building activities at school.

Year 8 had a week of curriculum and wellbeing based day trips and activities. This was a busy week including trips to Warwick Castle, cookery, team building activities and learning more about the fantastic street art in Bristol.

Key Dates

Thursday **6th July** – Year 6 Transition Parents' Information Evening

Tuesday **11th July** – Sports Day

Friday **21st July** – end of Term 6

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Backwell Scout News

Thursday Beavers

This term, we are learning about flight, making water rockets, having a visit to learn about guide dogs, partaking in a treasure hunt to learn about orienteering and attending the scout activity site at Glenny Wood - fingers crossed the great weather continues so we can continue to enjoy the great outdoors. *Jeff*



Monday Cubs.

A bank holiday and half term has made June a short month for Monday Cubs. Despite this the Cubs have been busy continuing with the habitat gardens and learning more about nature. They undertook a quest to find different species of trees on the playing fields and to plot these on a map. As one of our Young Leaders will be off to the World Scout Jamboree later in the summer, the Cubs have investigated what it's like to be a Cub in South Korea which is hosting the Jamboree. This included looking for similarities and differences with what happens here. The Cubs discovered that they have a lot in common in the fun, activities, Promise and Law. The Cubs welcomed a visitor from the RNLI this month too. With beaches and rivers being an attractive prospect this time of year, learning how to stay safe around and in the water proved interesting and valuable. The photo shows two Cubs wearing beach lifeguard kit.

Helen

Thursday Cubs

In July about 35 Cubs from both Monday and Thursday packs will be attending summer camp at Glenny Wood, near Portishead.

Whilst there, Cubs will be able to take part in grass sledging, a confidence course (ropes and other challenges), tunnels and go-karting, and the older ones will bivouac, spending the night in a hammock under a tarp.

In addition to having fun at Glenny Wood, Cubs will be visiting "Go Ape" in the Forest of Dean to undertake their high ropes challenge.

As ever the traditional nights under canvas (younger Cubs), wide games and campfire will feature too. *Frank*

Tuesday Scouts May, into June, was a little more relaxing as we started to look forward to the major camping and outdoors season - as I write this, Summer seems to have arrived, but will it last? During the last few weeks, the Scouts have been honing their team building skills with a number of challenges set for them. They have also had a go at air rifle target shooting on our own range - there were some very good scores from some Scouts considering it has been a while since we last ran this activity. Finally, they have been introduced to the sport of bowls which was much enjoyed and we are extremely grateful to West Backwell Bowls Club for hosting this and taking the time to pass on their expert knowledge to our young people.

The older Scouts continue with the planning for their Expedition Challenge in the Gower (South Wales) which is getting ever closer. Before that we will complete our last ever JOTT (Jamboree on the Trail) walk. We will be camping over night at Bishops Lydeard and the main event will be on the Saturday when the Scouts will walk about ten miles around (and over) The Quantocks which are an AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) - I'm sure our Scouts will enhance the beauty of the area as only they know how. *Ian, Assistant Scout Leader*

Explorers

It's exam season for most of our Explorers and we hope they are going well for them. For those able to escape the books, we've had a swim at Clevedon Marina Lake, had a movie night at the Curzon, enjoyed a hike with hot dogs, taken part in a Bristol treasure trail and made good use of some foraging spoils to make elderflower cordial.

Our plans for our European summer camp are taking shape with twenty Explorers getting the exciting opportunity to visit Germany, Czech Republic and Slovakia. More details next month.

Iain, Explorers Leader



Backwell Sequence Dance Club

Having now got rid of those winter Blues, it's time to **Swing** those hips to a seductive **Rumba**. It's only a **Quickstep** away to an evening of "Strictly" dancing. Just **Stroll** down the road to the WI Hall every Tuesday evening from 7.15pm to 9.00pm and get back on the dance floor. You will be fit to **Foxtrot** home having had some gentle physical and mental exercise dancing to music you will enjoy and recognise. By the end of the evening, you will definitely have been **Tangoed** and if you haven't tried the local **Bossa Nova** you don't know what you've been missing. Finally, you can **Waltz** off home into the sunset for a well earned cup of **Cha Cha Cha** dreaming of doing it all again next week. Modern sequence dancing at its most enjoyable best - come and join us - you'll be most welcome. Contact Brian Gage on 01275 463692 or Paul Williscroft on 07710 4605550 for further information.

Bridget for Backwell

Have you been to Five Acre Farm in our village lately?

For the past few years we have been able to buy quality vegetables and eggs available over the weekends. Now it is open every day, and that's not all. The team there have added a whole area for community involvement, this is a community growing project. You can get as involved as you like, I'm delighted there is more growing in our village, the distance our food travels is another factor in our households' carbon emissions.

Do you want to help weed or water? Show your kids how the potatoes can grow on our doorstep. The team have put in a coffee maker and tea facilities so you can stroll along enjoy a cuppa, keep pre-schoolers busy and see the cut flowers. I am really impressed with how welcoming they have made it. If you need to drive, you can but I highly recommend walking or cycling along there. I hope lots of people get involved. It's on Pit Lane, BS48 3BQ



I have not been around very much in June as my mother sadly passed away after a short illness.

I will return soon but wanted to give you a few tips to find info about things in North Somerset. One. Network/UK can tell you about planned road works. North Somerset Council website can be used to report issues, to contact different departments and you can also subscribe to a regular newsletter which is very highly regarded.

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West Leigh Infant School

Badger Class News

(Reception)

What a fantastic term it was for the Badgers. Our topic was called 'Ready, Steady, Grow' where we learnt about different habitats and the suitability of those habitats for various animals. We explored our local environment, hunting for minibeasts and looking at the habitats in our school grounds, including a trip to our school pond. This term we look forward to our (2nd attempt) at our school trip to Lower Stock Farm.

We have also been exploring life cycles where we looked after our class caterpillars and watched them get bigger and bigger and then turn into chrysalises. We can't wait to watch them hatch out and become butterflies.

Visit from a Paralympian

On Monday 22nd May in the afternoon, West Leigh was visited by Katrina Hart, who is a Paralympic sprinter and has won Olympic, Commonwealth and World Championships medals. We each had a session on the field and were challenged to complete as many spotty dogs, star jumps, leg raises and push-ups as we could in one minute (one minute for each activity). We worked really hard and Katrina was impressed with our athleticism. Once everyone had had an opportunity to show-off their fitness skills on the field, we met in the hall and Katrina told us more about how she got in to running and we were able to ask some questions. We even got to watch a couple of videos of Katrina racing.

Sports Week

To finish a fantastic term, from Wednesday to Friday before Half Term was Sports Week. We took part in lots of different activities including cheerleading, cooking, Kidz Fit, tennis, lacrosse, Speed Stacking, field games and circuits. Everyone took part in the activities with confidence and many learnt new skills, showing great levels of fitness, enthusiasm and determination. Well done everyone!

Sam, Administrator, West Leigh Infant School

Backwell Junior School

Health and Fitness Week 2023

We spent an incredible last week of term 5, celebrating with our annual Health & Fitness week. Once again, Mr Williams did an amazing job of organising a variety of fabulous sports and activities for us to take part in. We tried sports including:

Athletics and Circuits with Team GB, Brazilian Jujitsu, Boccia, Cricket, Skateboarding Tricks, Fencing, Archery, Gym Games, Tennis, Capoeira, Speed Stacking, Dance, Tri-Golf, Football Skills, Indoor Kurling and Swimming to name but a few!

We were visited by Team GB Paralympian Katrina Hart, who was very inspirational to listen to and work



with. We went on Woodland adventures to Backwell Hill, made healthy smoothies with the team from Aspens Catering, took part in the Bleep Test and played House football matches in beautiful sunshine, which lasted all week! We feel incredibly lucky.

We would like to say a massive BJS thank you to our sports and activity providers who helped us learn new skills, our amazing parents and grandparents who accompanied us on walks (which could not happen without their support), and of course, all our BJS teachers and staff for making the week so enjoyable.

A special thank you to Mr Williams for arranging such an enjoyable week and organising every element, to bring such a special time together for us all at school.

BJS Annual Sports Day - Friday 26th May 2023

Another glorious morning, to round off an incredible week!

Sports Day morning was such a happy event with loads of parents and carers, PTA drinks and snacks, amazing participation from the children and happy faces from the staff (even after being beaten by the parents in the over/under race again).

Competition was tight, but Beech house won overall and our Beech house captains Molly and Oliver lifted the trophy and did the victory lap of the field!

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us, the staff who helped make everything happen and of course our wonderful pupils.

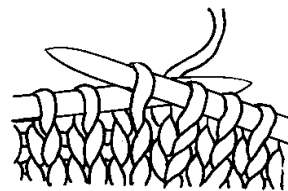
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Backwell Bridge Club

The Bridge Club meets every Wednesday evening at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start in St Andrews Church House, Church Lane, Backwell. The Club would welcome new members who may have played Bridge in the past or who have recently learnt the game. For more information, please contact Robin Langford, Chairman on either 01275 855822 or email rclangford64@gmail.com

Knitting for Others

By the time you read this, more knitted contribution will have been distributed by our MU knitting Co-ordinator, Chris Mahony. She will also have talked to our group about the welcomes and thanks she receives from the recipients.



If you would like to know more, come to one of our knit and chat time and we will try and pass on her enthusiasm for the comfort we are giving, to enthuse you

The dates this month are-

Monday 10th July from 10.30am

Tuesday 11th July from 2.30pm

If you prefer another day or evening, please phone me

All meetings are at 18 Karen Close, with refreshments. *Barbara Paige (01275 463131)*

The Meeting Point

Full details of **Holiday Action**, our children's summer activities programme, together with Eventbrite booking information, are now available on our website (see below). On **1st August**, there are two workshops on Poly Printing, run by Creative Escapes from Flax Bourton. Noah's Ark Farm Zoo are visiting us again on **8th August**, bringing some of their smaller animals. **15th August** sees the return of Ukulele workshops, this time by Uke Lift, so see what tunes you can create. We'll have some fun cooking again on **22nd August**, so be prepared to get messy. Finally on **29th August**, there's a two-hour clay workshop, but there will be plenty of clay for others to be creative or messy. It all happens between 10.00am and 12.00 and this year will be in the **WI Hall**.

Do join us for lunch if you can on **1st or 15th August**.

Our light lunch of home-made soup, bread and cheese will go on even if the weather is a bit warmer this month. We welcome everyone to the Parish Hall on **4th July at 1.00pm**, and it's a very sociable event. Come and sample what's on offer and bring a friend. The next 2-course lunch is on **18th July at 1.00pm**, and we do ask for bookings for this one by 11th July, just to ensure we have catered for you.

Coffee, tea and home-made cake are available any Tuesday, between 10.30am and 4.30pm and you can be assured of a warm welcome. After term ends, we will be open on **25th July** from 10.30 till 12.30 only, then we move next door to the WI Hall for the summer during kitchen refurbishment in the Parish Hall.

The Sitting Fit Yoga sessions of seated exercises are on their normal schedule of **11.00 to 12.00** every Tuesday but finishing for the summer on **18th July**. Coffee and cake are available from 10.30 before Nina starts her class, so a chance to catch up with news.

Continuing on **25th July**, our digital / tech advice sessions will include help with using the **NHS app** on your phone, tablet or i-Pad. Bring your smartphone, laptop or other device on the fourth Tuesday of the month from **11.00** and we'll do our best to help. If you have a question on any other Tuesday morning, just drop in and we'll see what we can do to assist.

This month the usual **Communion** service will be held on **4th July at 12.15**. All are welcome to this very informal gathering.

Contact: e-mail or phone: backwell.life@gmail.com or call/text on 07851 438530. Or visit our website at www.themeetingpointbackwell.co.uk



* This year it is Ukuleles



Holiday Action 23 @The Meeting Point



Free holiday activities for children

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| 1 st August | Poly Printing |
| 8 th August | Noah's Ark |
| 15 th August | Ukulele Workshop |
| 22 nd August | Cooking club |
| 29 th August | Clay |

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St Andrew's MU

The theme for MU Cathedral prayers was The Lord's Prayer, this was led by members of the MU in the Portishead Deanery. The MU Diocesan Chaplain closed the service with a prayer and the blessing. Members travelled there by car or an organised coach, enjoying a lunch in Wells after the service before travelling home.

The subject at our branch meeting was 'Unseen' a charity working in and around Bristol, which was set up after East Europeans were coming in through Bristol airport. It works to eradicate modern day slavery. The main forms of exploitation for financial gain are forced labour, domestic servitude, and sexual exploitation. They are made to work in car washes, construction, domestic work and others. The speaker was Bethany Lee who told of some awful examples of these and signs we should be aware of. Help is given to these people in many ways, over 1,000 people were helped by Unseen in one year. After the meeting a collection made over £100 for the charity.

Date for July

Tuesday 25th 2.15pm Branch meeting in Church House
Informal meeting talking about special or eventful holidays

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welcomes new members. If you would like to give us a try, come along to one of our meetings. The group meets on the second Saturday of each month for an informal coffee morning at St Francis Church Hall in Nailsea, 10.30am to 12.15pm. All those with Parkinson's and those who are caring for them are welcome. At the meeting on **Saturday 8th July** there will be coffee, friendly chat, and a talk about her role by Tina Huckle-Mills, Woodspring Community Development Officer.

You could also come along to the Singalong group which gets together on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 2.30-4.00pm at St Francis Church Hall, to sing popular songs and old favourites. Singing helps loss of voice due to Parkinson's. No skill required.

Backwell & Nailsea Macular Support

At our meeting on Wednesday **26th July**, we are looking forward to hearing Karen Zold talk about servant life at Tyntesfield in 1891. I'm sure this will be most enlightening. Do come and join us; all are welcome. £2 on the door, tea and biscuits from 1.30pm the W.I. Hall, Backwell. Further information from Sheila (01275 462107).

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Thursday, 13th July,

10.30 – 12.00, at 45 Station Road. Everyone is welcome. Martin Canning will be on hand to give us recent news of USPG. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy stall (edibles only). All contributions will be gratefully received and any help on the morning will be very welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Jean Routley (01275 462059) or cnjroutley@talktalk.net. Please note the date.

Senior Club

Unfortunately, Karen Zold our speaker for May was not able to come. Tim & Sheila filled in at short notice and gave us their modified version of 'Our Harmonious Garden', which we all enjoyed. We now have our summer break and look forward to our next meeting on **September 16th** by which time you will have the new programme.

Nancy (01275 790555)

Backwell Probus Club Report

We have had two meetings since the last report, the first was entitled "A Through Ticket to New York", regarding Brunel's vision of GWR from London to Bristol and then steam ship to NY. The talk started with films of Clifton Suspension Bridge. Then films of Bristol places around in 1805 and also SS Great Britain. All the films included a voice over by Gordon, which was most unusual. Our second meeting in June was a talk by Hugo Pike OBE of Chelwood Bridge Rotary on "Water Survival Boxes". It appeared that he had devised these boxes containing primarily a filter pump for providing clean water for distribution to disaster areas in the world and also tools etc for survival. It was an incredible story of creating a vast quantity of these boxes for the World's needy.

In July, we look forward to two interesting talks "Larwood, Beyond the Bodyline" and "A Brief History of Clocks & Watches", so do come and enjoy these on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10.00am for coffee followed by a 10.30am talk in the Bowls Pavilion. Any retired men are welcome to join us for convivial conversation before and after the talk.

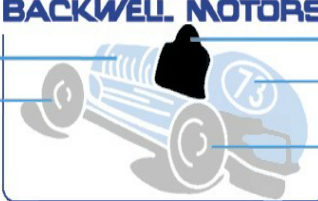
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Backwell's 2ND Saturday Fair Trade Café **July 8th Backwell Parish Hall 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

Come along to Backwell's Fair Trade Café and enjoy the excellent Fair Trade coffee and tea as well as some delicious home baked pastries and biscuits.

This will be the last café before a programme of improvements to the hall starts. By September when we start again, we will have a fully refurbished kitchen, a redecorated hall and other upgrades to heating and insulation to improve comfort and ambience.

This month the bulk-buy Grub Club will provide its usual comprehensive service. Here you can join and buy all kinds of food stuffs in bulk including many different types of flour, a wide range of cereals, nuts, seeds and spices as well as all kinds of tinned fruit and vegetables, various coffees, teas, beverages, chocolates, biscuits and much more. The range includes many fair trade and organic items. Come and peruse the catalogue or go to <http://www.essential-trading.co.uk>, join the Club and place an order.

Move from recycling to re-using by bringing your own container to fill (or better refill) with all kinds of BioD/ Ecover detergents and cleaning fluids on our refill stall.

There will also be a stall selling fairly traded white or brown rice, grown by and supporting Malawian farmers.

Our District Councillor Bridget Petty intends to be present again to discuss local affairs with any interested resident.

Backwell & Nailsea Support Group for Carers

Inviting all carers to join us on **Wednesday 5th July**, at the WI Hall, Backwell crossroads, Backwell; from 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Speaker: Ms Grete Howard
(Backwell Camera Club)

Subject: "The Joy of an African Safari"

Come and join us for support, friendship, entertainment and a short respite from your caring role. New carers, any age or gender, always welcome.

Very many thanks to all who attended our Annual Cream Tea and Plant sale on Wednesday 7th June (celebrating National Carers Week). Your generosity and attendance was much appreciated and all proceeds from the event will go towards running our local group. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did, also many thanks to Mrs Routley for providing the musical accompaniment.

*Beverley, Carol, Cath, Chris, Chris and Mel
(Volunteers)*

Backwell Garden Club

The Garden Club will not be holding its normal meeting this month at the WI Hall. The Club will be visiting the RHS Gardens at Rosemoor, Devon on the **19th July** and will return to the WI Hall on the **16th August** when Katherine Kear will give a talk entitled "Tales from the Potting Shed". For further information regarding the trip to RHS Rosemoor or regarding the Garden Club Please contact Robin Langford, Chairman on 01275 855822 or email rclangford64@gmail.com

St. Andrew's Ladies Group

At our last meeting of our year, we much enjoyed a talk by Peter Lamb about his Wartime memories including the Plymouth Blitz. Large parts of his talk certainly "struck a chord" with many of our members.

Following his talk we held a Bring-and-Buy event, the funds from which we donated to our Charity for the year, the Local Food Bank. Our new year starts on **Monday 11th September** at Church House at 7.30pm when we will be holding our A.G.M. This will be followed by a talk by David Francis, a representative from the Memory Clinic, which is our chosen charity for the coming year.

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support over the past year and wish everyone an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Sheila Rowsell (01275 463750)

Nailsea District Leg Club

The Coronation of the King and Queen was celebrated in early May, when Leg Club was in party mode with plenty of red, white and blue, appropriate refreshments, photos and a tombola. As this happened after 'the Day', there was much discussion about the actual event, and memories recalled of the late Queen's coronation.

On a wonderfully sunny market Saturday in May the now famous handbag stall was set up outside Waitrose, where there was plenty of people and lots of interest. Over £250 was raised for much needed funds to help Leg Club continue each Wednesday morning at Nailsea Tithe Barn.

All lower leg issues whatever they are can be very debilitating, physically and mentally lowering. At the Leg Club café/clinic there is support for everyone who wishes to discuss their particular problem. The café is drop-in, and anyone can call in on a Wednesday morning. If you're registered with Tyntesfield Medical Group and would like medical advice, please call your surgery to make an appointment or talk with your nurse. Look out for more information on the notice boards in the surgery waiting rooms too.

Wednesday mornings at the Tithe Barn provide so much more than treatment and there is a warm welcome and refreshments on offer.



Nailsea Concert Orchestra's summer concert is on **Saturday July 1st** at the Auditorium Nailsea School and is in support of the Bristol Methodist Centre. It promises to be a spectacular night of music with Gershwin's American in Paris, Sibelius's Finlandia, Debussy's Clair de Lune and other well-loved pieces on the programme.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. There is a pre-concert talk at 6.45pm. Tickets are £13 adults, £11 concessions and £5 under 18s and are available on the door, from Nailsea Music Shop or from the website www.nailseaconcertorchestra.org.



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Backwell Baptist Church

July Sunday Services

2nd July (Communion)

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: Anne Nicklen

Theme: Supportive Community: Salt and Light for all to see

Passage: Matthew 5:13-16

9th July

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: Dawn Jefferies

Theme: Supportive Community: A Culture of Honesty and Reconciliation

Passage: Matthew 5:21-26

16th July (Café-style)

Preachers: Dave and Anne Nicklen

Service Leader: A. Lewis

Theme: Supportive Community: Sharing Everything

Passage: Acts 4:32-37

23rd July

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: Molly Jefferies

Theme: Supportive Community: Encourage, Help, Pray and be Patient

Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

30th July

Preacher: Tim Crossley

Service Leader: TBC

Theme: Supportive Community: Christ-like Love, Hospitality and Administration of Grace

Passage: 1 Peter 4:1-11

Backwell Christian Fellowship

2.30 pm at Lawnside, meets fortnightly

July 12th Peter Bailey

26th Favourite Things

St Bridget's Church

St Bridget's is making a special effort this year to recoup the costs for both our new lighting and the repair to the lightning conductor on the tower. The two items have cost over £4,000. The lighting itself has been upgraded and now amazingly will use about one tenth of the previous electricity supply. With this in mind we have so far had two of our fund-raising events with the Midsummer Fete occurring as we go to press. We now look forward to the final event over the first weekend in September. In conjunction with the Clevedon and District Flower Club we are holding a Flower Festival in honour of our Patron Saint, St Bridget who died in 523 BC, just 1,500 years ago, it is believed.

Precise details of timing will shortly be available but we do hope that as many as possible will come and enjoy the occasion with us.

Tony Stirratt

West Town Methodist Church

July Sunday Services, at 10.30am.

2nd Revd Michael Pullan

9th Revd Deborah Mallett **Communion**

16th Mark Mallett

23rd Heather Bentley

30th Revd Deborah Mallett

Ready Teddy Sing for parents and toddlers Tuesday mornings 10.00am – 12.00 noon during term time.

Fellowship Group Wednesday 5th July 10.30am at 53 Oakleigh Close. We plan to meet on **19th July** in Heaven, coffee shop.

Summer Tea and Cakes Saturday 22nd July between 2.00 – 4.00pm

Following on from our We are Backwell Exhibition, all are welcome to come to our church. More details on page 12.

Hire of building

West Town Methodist Church is in the centre of the village and provides ample comfortable space for small gatherings, meetings, rehearsals, children's parties, etc. Do look at the pictures on the Church website. We have recently installed a large wall-mounted TV screen for audio visual presentations by agreement.

Contact Julie Ratcliffe

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Christians Together In & Around Backwell

Open the Book

Wednesday mornings at West Leigh Infants School

Prayer Watch

The next Prayer group meeting is at St Andrew's Church, 7.45 on **Monday 3rd July**.

Christian Aid

Our Treasurer, Carol Lomas, confirms that our final total for Backwell is **£1189.34**. This comprises £1096.84 from the envelopes, plus £92.50 which should be raised from the gift aid vouchers. Many thanks again to all who delivered envelopes, to those who donated generously, or gave online, and to Martin Canning and Chris Elliott for all their assistance.

Julie Ratcliffe

News from St Francis

We begin this month on **1st July** with some of our parishioners travelling to Wintershall, in the beautiful Surrey countryside. They are going to see a Passion play (in the open air) of the Life of Christ.

On **Sunday 9th July**, we look forward to meeting Fr András Faragó visiting from Hungary. He will be celebrating the 11.00am Mass.

On **Saturday 15th July** we're fortunate to be welcoming, Martin Le Poidevin from Clifton Cathedral who will be leading a day of exploring music at Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a packed lunch and let Father Richard know if you're coming.

After 9.15am Masses on Thursday mornings we're now able to stay for a chat after Mass to enjoy tea and coffee.

As usual, please see the website for Livestreaming all Masses, www.josephfrancis.org

The Benefice of Backwell with Chelvey and Brockley St Andrew's Backwell, St Bridget's Chelvey and St Nicholas, Brockley

We have now moved in to "Ordinary Time" in the church's year, so there are definitely fewer special celebrations. However, on **2nd July** we are celebrating Zambia – Bath & Wells Sunday when, together with our brothers and sisters in Zambia and churches across the Diocese here, we will be marking this day in the 45th anniversary year of the Companion Link.

Having concluded our extended sermon series "It's all about...", we will be asking for feedback with a short questionnaire to reflect on what it has meant and inform any future series. It has been hard to tell how many people have been following the series at home, but the weekly discussions have given people the chance to explore the subject matter each week in more depth and share personal experiences. If you would like texts or audio recordings of any from this series, please contact the office.

Having heard recently of his history and his plans from Aaron Stanbury, the CMS Mission Partner we will be supporting during his time in Kenya, we will be holding a summer BBQ at St Andrews on **20th August** to fundraise for his work in Kenya. More details will follow next month.

Don't forget to sign up for the St Andrew's kids holiday club from **24th to 28th July**. Details and booking information on page 10.

Services at St Bridget's follow their usual pattern, with the addition of the Benefice service on 30th July when we will all come together for worship and to share in the bread and wine of communion.

*With warm greetings,
Martin Canning*

Sundays in July

St Andrew's Church

2nd Trinity 4; Zambia / Bath & Wells Sunday

9.00am Little Lambs
9.15am Sung Eucharist
10.45am Informal Worship

9th Trinity 5

9.15am Sung Eucharist

16th Trinity 6

10.45am Informal Worship with Communion
5.00pm Evensong

23rd Trinity 7

9.15am Said Communion (BCP)
10.45am Informal worship with Communion

30th Trinity 8

10.30am Benefice Eucharist (St Bridget's)

St Bridget's Church

2nd Trinity 4

9.15am Holy Communion

9th Trinity 5

9.15am Morning Worship

16th Trinity 6

9.15am Holy Communion

30th Trinity 8

10.30am Benefice Eucharist

Benefice Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals in May 2023

Baptisms

14th May: George Vincent
Clark & Amelia Thea
Blundell

Funerals

4th May: Douglas Twiggs
18th May: Simon Lucas

Interment of Ashes

31st May: David Dorey
(St Bridget's)

As part of our church services and in private prayer, we remember people in our community. To help focus our thoughts and prayers, we identify people by the roads in our benefice where they live and work. Thus, the whole area is covered over the course of 18 months, a few roads at a time

**In July we will be
praying for people
living and working in
Westfield Road,
Westfield Close,
Westfield Drive**

The Charity St Andrew's is supporting this quarter is CMS

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CMS is likewise called to connect with people at the edges: the edges of church, the edges of society, the edges of our comfort zones. They are always looking for others who will join them at edges near and far, to help share God's love in creative ways, knowing that person-by-person, community-by-community, this is how we will see our world made new.

CMS describes itself as a community on a journey of rediscovering God's mission together.



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